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DWR Sets Public Workshops for Proposition 84 Grants

SACRAMENTO -- The Department of Water Resources has scheduled two informational workshops to address comments and questions about draft guidelines for the Proposition 84 Delta, San Joaquin River and Sacramento River grant program. Proposition 84 is the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006.

Under Prop 84, the DWR Bay-Delta Office will administer \$130 million in grant funding to improve Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta water quality in accordance with Public Resources Code Section 75029.

Meeting Dates and Locations:

Thursday, April 24, 2008 10 a.m. Cal EPA Building, Coastal Room 1001 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Monday, April 28, 2008 10 a.m. Stanislaus County Agricultural Building, Harvest Hall 3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite B Modesto, CA 95358

Further Information:

The Bay-Delta Office program documents, agendas for the workshops, and updates will be posted on the Program website at: http://baydeltaoffice.water.ca.gov/sdb/prop84/index_prop84.cfm.

Draft guidelines will be posted on the website on or around April 10. Questions or comments regarding the guidelines must be submitted in writing via e-mail to BDOp84grants@water.ca.gov, by regular mail, or in person at the workshops.

Questions or comments submitted by regular mail shall be sent to Genny Schrader, Department of Water Resources, Bay-Delta Office, 1416 Ninth Street, Room 215-30, Sacramento, California 95814.

Workshop Registration:

Those planning to attend the workshops are asked to register by email at BDOp84grants@water.ca.gov or by phone to Genny Schrader at (916) 653-2118. Although registration is not required for workshop participation, it will help DWR confirm the number of handouts needed and maintain a mailing list of interested persons for future communications. Persons requiring special accommodations should contact Ms. Schrader.

Comments and questions that arise at the workshops will be compiled into a "Response to Questions" document that will be mailed and posted on the above website upon the culmination of the public review period.

The public comment period will end May 12 with program guidelines modified and planned for adoption in June, 2008. No comments will be accepted after the final guidelines have been adopted.

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